

Minutes for General Faculty Meeting 1, 9/28/11

(GFm-20110928; for companion agenda, see GFa-20110928)

Agenda Item	Actions	Notes
Preliminaries		
1. (a-d)	Chair D. Hahn calls meeting to order; makes announcements.	2:05pm.
Actions		
2. (a-c) Report from Elections Committee	<p>Chair T. Short reports that 214 faculty are eligible to vote in faculty meetings; official <i>quorum</i>, therefore, is 43 faculty (20%); 108 constitutes a majority of the full-faculty.</p> <p>T. Short makes final call for nominations for open positions. D. Hahn asks for nominations from the Floor. None are made.</p> <p>T. Short announces that nominations officially close the next day, 9am (Thursday, 9/29).</p>	
3. Introduction of new faculty members by Department Chairs.	New members introduced.	
4. Guest Speaker: Fr. Robert Niehoff, University President, "The Year Ahead"	<p>President Niehoff reports that (the following is a non-exhaustive list of items discussed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alumni giving is near or at an all-time high. • the University is faring quite well in the present economic climate relative to its Jesuit companion schools—particularly with regard to its retention rate. • Mayor of Cleveland has begun an initiative to enhance local college and university support for Cleveland Public Schools. JCU has no less than 70 different initiatives on campus that support CPS. • Efforts are being made to improve administration/faculty communication. • the AVP will soon become the AVP/Provost. • student diversity, and the success of minority students, continues to be of grave concern. 	
5. Questions, written and pre-submitted	<p>Pre-submitted question: "Do you have any opinion on the long-term size of the Faculty, compared to the number of students and number of administrators/staff members? In particular, do you see our long-term trend (since 1983—number of students up about 14%, number of faculty up about 12%, number of FT admin/staff up about 75%) continuing?"</p> <p>In reply, the President noted that each of technological advances, safety concerns and new staff needs have significantly altered the overall administrative landscape since the '80's, thus accounting for the trend.</p>	

	Other questions were raised from the Floor, and addressed by the President.	
6. New Business	None.	
Concluding Items		
7. Adjourn	N/A	3:20pm.

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